



# Proclamation

## Indigenous Survivors Day

June 30, 2024

- WHEREAS** The City of Surrey acknowledges the enduring historical injustices faced by Indigenous peoples stemming from colonization, forced assimilation, and systemic injustices; and
- WHEREAS** The designation of June 30<sup>th</sup> as Indigenous Survivors Day in Surrey presents a significant opportunity to recognize and honour the resilience, strength, and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities that have endured historical traumas, including the 60s Scoop, the Millennium Scoop, birth alerts, and the enduring legacy of residential schools; and
- WHEREAS** by establishing June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day, Surrey aims to create a crucial platform for healing, education, and dialogue, raising awareness about the unique struggles faced by Indigenous peoples and emphasizing the need for understanding and support; and
- WHEREAS** this observance serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing challenges confronted by Indigenous people and communities in Surrey and highlights the importance of supporting their cultural heritage and promoting understanding; and
- WHEREAS** Indigenous Survivors Day fosters inclusivity, unity, and a sense of solidarity among community members, promoting reconciliation and justice; and
- WHEREAS** through the implementation of Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, Surrey reaffirms its dedication to honouring Indigenous survivors, promoting healing, and actively contributing to the construction of a more equitable and inclusive city for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare June 30, 2024 as “Indigenous Survivors Day” in the City of Surrey.

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Mayor Brenda Locke  
City of Surrey